GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:266
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2008
NEW TOLL POLICY
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the existing toll policy and its objectives towards development of National Highways;

(b) whether the Government proposes to bring about changes in the existing policy;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the cost of collection of toll is more than the toll revenue collected;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R BAALU)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 266 FOR ANSWER ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2008 ASKED BY DR. CHINTA MOHAN AND SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN REGARDING NEW TOLL POLICY

(a) to (c) In exercise of the powers conferred by the National Highways Act, 1956, the Government has notified the new "National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008", in the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated 05 December, 2008. The main features of the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008 are given below:-

(i) Uniform rate of fee for public funded and private investment projects.

(ii) Categorisation of vehicles in five categories for fixing the base rate of fee.

(iii) Concession/discount to local users, and for multiple journeys.

(iv) Annual revision of rate of fee.

(v) Levy of user fee for two-lane highways @ 60% of the user charges prescribed for four-lane highways.

(vi) Rate of fee prescribed for use of permanent bridge, bypass or tunnel. In case of the permanent bridge, bypass or tunnel costing more than Rs10 crore and less than Rs50 crore and forming part of the section of the National Highway, the rate of fee will be same as applicable to the section of the National Highway. In case of a bridge, bypass or tunnel costing more than Rs50 crore, the length of the bridge, bypass or tunnel shall be excluded from the length of such section of National Highway and the fee shall be levied at the rate specified for such permanent bridge, bypass or tunnel.

(vii) Rate of fee prescribed for overloading.

(viii) Provision for collection, remittance and appropriation of fee.

(ix) Location of Toll Plaza prescribed.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.